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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 23, 1975:

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON EILTS' MOVEMENT? HAS HE
RETURNED TO CAIRO?

A. YES, HE RETURNED TO CAIRO LAST NIGHT, I BELIEVE.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT PRESIDENT
SADAT HAS AGAIN RULED OUT PERMITTING ISRAELI CARGOES
THROUGH THE CANAL UNTIL THERE IS FURTHER STEP IN THE PEACE
PROCESS?

A. I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT REPORT. IT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD
ABOUT IT. SO I DON'T THINK I'LL COMMENT ON THAT REPORT.

Q. DO YOU MEAN MR. EILTS RETURNED -- ARRIVED LAST NIGHT?

A. I THINK HE ARRIVED LAST NIGHT. I BELIEVE HE LEFT
WASHINGTON SATURDAY NIGHT.

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Q. OUR CAIRO BUREAU HAS PICKED UP A REPORT OF RESUMING
THE PEACE SHUTTLE AT THE END OF THIS WEEK.

A. IT MAY BE A PEACEFUL SHUTTLE, BUT I DON'T THINK IT
WILL BE THE PEACE SHUTTLE.

Q. YOU DENY THAT REPORT?

A. YES.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE REAPPRAISAL OF THE MIDDLE
EAST POLICY?

A. IT HASN'T BEEN COMPLETED CERTAINLY. AND, AS WAS INDICATED, I BELIEVE, LAST WEEK AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE KHADDAM TALKS, WE WILL CONTINUE SOME DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS-- OR CONTACTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IS WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT ANY OTHER UPCOMING VISITS TO BE PUT INTO THAT AS AN INPUT?

A. I'VE NOT HEARD OF ANY VISITS. WHAT I'VE BEEN ADVISED IS CONTACTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q. WILL THE MEETING BETWEEN MR. KISSINGER AND MR. GROMYKO NEXT MONTH BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS REAPPRAISAL, OR WILL THAT BE OUT OF IT?

A. I WOULDN'T PRECLUDE SUBJECTS WOULD BE RAISED, FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT, AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED LAST WEEK, THERE IS NO TIMETABLE AS YET BEEN FIXED WHEN THE REASSESSMENT WILL BE FINISHED.

Q. IS THERE A TIMETABLE FIXED ON THE GROMYKO MEETING?

A. NONE OTHER THAN IT'S GOING TO PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN JULY, AND IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN EUROPE. INGERSOLL

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